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U Thant Backs Fulbright Bid To Think Anew

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UN Secretary General U Thant said yesterday that he was in agreement with Sen. J. William



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Fulbright's basic plea to start thinking about "unthinkable thoughts."

But Thant extended Fulbright's theme, saying it "should be the guiding principle for all of us, not only Americans, but also Asians, Africans, Latin Americans, Russians and Chinese."

"A thorough reappraisal of our attitudes towards war and peace is imperative," Thant told a UN press conference. Although he called the Arkansas Democrat's appeal "a very wise dictum," Thant said that his agreement with the basic philosophy behind Fulbright's approach, "does not necessarily mean that I am in full agreement with all his observations and conclusions on specific issues."

Will Meet With de Gaulle

Thant will travel to Paris next week to attend a meeting of UN agency heads. While there, he will meet with President de Gaulle.

Thant also said that he was hopeful of achieving a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem. His request to Greece and Turkey to place their Cyprus units under UN command has been granted by Greece, but no reply has yet been received from Turkey.

Thant said that talks among the big powers on the UN's financial plight were still being held.

Out of Congo By July

As for the Congo, he said that the UN force there will be completely withdrawn by June 30. He regretted that few contributions had come in to finance technical assistance to the Congo after that time.

Thant hailed U.S. and Soviet moves to cut production of fissionable materials and he hoped this would lead to further agreements "that will cut off the production of atomic weapons themselves."